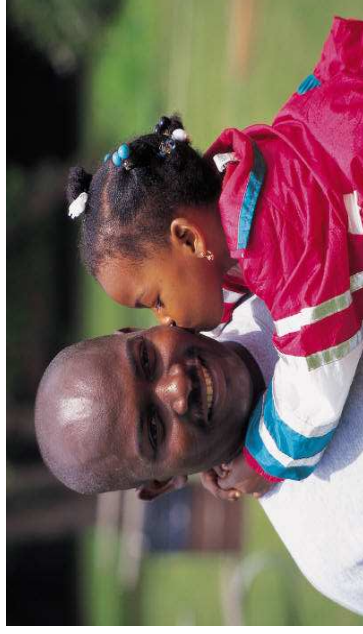


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CELEBRATING
HOPE
125 YEARS OF
DOING THE MOST GOOD

**Since 1883, we have
remained
focused on one goal:
serving the most people,
meeting the most needs,
doing the most good.**




SUPPORTING “FOREVER FAMILIES”


ADOPTION IS A LIFELONG PROCESS.


Children and families need support throughout their adoption experience as the children pass through various developmental stages and new issues arise. All children grow in an environment larger than just their own family, and thrive best when their community understands and supports them.




WHAT WE BELIEVE:

 Adoption is mutually beneficial to parents, children, and society.

 All families are special and unique, and have their own values, strengths, and needs.

 Adoption brings unique joys and challenges to all who are touched by it.

 The community should support and aid adoptive families.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE... PROVIDING ADOPTION-COMPETENT SERVICES BY THERAPISTS WHO ARE SKILLED IN TRAUMA, ATTACHMENT, AND LOSS ISSUES CAN PRESERVE PRE- AND POST-ADOPTIVE PLACEMENTS.



Sometimes love is not enough...

Developmental, emotional, and behavioral challenges stemming from a child's pre and post-adoption experiences can have an impact throughout an individual's lifetime.

Early trauma can impair a child's ability to trust and bond with an adoptive family. Children who suffer disruptive or traumatic beginnings, and their adoptive families, need someone who understands and has the specialized training to help.

Serving anyone touched by adoption...

Services are available for adopted children, adolescents, and adults; adoptive parents and siblings; birth parents; children moving from foster care to adoption, and foster families.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- *ASSESSMENT*
- *INDIVIDUAL THERAPY*
- *FAMILY THERAPY*
- *SUPPORT GROUPS*
- *CONSULTATION*
- (TO OTHER PROFESSIONALS: THERAPISTS, SCHOOL PERSONNEL, CLERGY, ETC.)
- *EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS*
- *INFORMATION & REFERRALS*
- *RESOURCE LIBRARY*
- (EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE BOOKS, MAGAZINES, ARTICLES, VIDEOS, CURRICULUM)



“DOING THE MOST GOOD” ...

- ◆ SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THROUGH TRANSITIONS
- ◆ FACILITATING “ENTRUSTMENT SESSIONS” WITH BIRTH PARENT(S), CHILDREN, AND FOSTER PARENTS
- ◆ NORMALIZING FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS ABOUT ADOPTION
- ◆ PROMOTING OPEN COMMUNICATION
- ◆ HONORING AND RESPECTING THE UNIQUE CULTURE AND DIVERSITY OF ALL ADOPTIVE FAMILIES
- ◆ EDUCATING PARENTS, PROFESSIONALS, AND THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE JOYS AND CHALLENGES OF ADOPTION
- ◆ CONNECTING ADOPTIVE FAMILIES WITH EACH OTHER FOR PEER SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT
- ◆ SHARING OUR EXPERTISE, KNOWLEDGE, AND ENTHUSIASM WITH OTHER PROFESSIONALS
- ◆ CELEBRATING ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

